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SUBJECT: UNESCO: 20TH GENERAL CONFERENCE: PROPOSAL
TO AMEND CONSTITUTION TO PERMIT A SECOND TERM
FOR EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

1. FRENCH EXBD MEMBER VALERY, APPARENTLY WITH SUPPORT
OF EXBD CHAIRMAN MARTIN, HAS SUCCEEDED IN GETTING A
DRAFT AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION SUBMITTED LITERALLY
ON THE LAST POSSIBLE DAY. DEPARTMENT MAY HAVE ALREADY
RECEIVED "UNESCOGRAMS" DATED APRIL 24 ANNOUNCING DRAFT
AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED BY TOGO AND THE UK.

2. THE AMENDMENT WOULD SIMPLY MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR AN
EXBD MEMBER TO BE ELECTED TO A SECOND TERM. WE KNOW
THAT VALERY WOULD LIKE A FULL TERM FOLLOWING THE PARTIAL
TERM WHICH HE IS NOW SERVING OUT, AND MARTIN IS ALSO
BELIEVED TO DESIRE A SECOND FULL TERM.

3. IN OUR INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH MARTIN AND OTHER
BOARD MEMBERS (BUT NOT VALERY, WHO HAS NOT RAISED THE
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ISSUE WITH US) WE HAVE SAID THAT THIS ITEM IS OF NO
PRACTICAL CONCERN TO THE U.S., THAT OUR PROBLEM LIES
NOT IN HAVING A MEMBER SERVE LONGER THAN FOUR YEARS,
BUT RATHER IN BEING ABLE TO HAVE A MEMBER SERVE AS MUCH
AS FOUR YEARS. WE HAVE INDICATED THAT, GIVEN THE
IRRELEVANCE OF THE OUTCOME TO THE U.S. IT IS NOT
LIKELY THAT WE WOULD BE WILLING TO INVEST MUCH EFFORT IN

SECURING OR OPPOSING PASSAGE OF SUCH AN AMENDMENT.

4. AS A PRACTICAL MATTER, IT IS ONLY THOSE STATES
HAVING QUASI PERMANENT SEATS ON THE EXBD THAT WOULD BE
AFFECTED. THE STATES THAT ROTATE ON A GEOGRAPHICAL
BASIS WOULD NOT GET THE SUPPORT OF THE GEOGRAPHICAL
REGION FOR HAVING MORE THAN ONE TURN.

5. PERMDEL RECOMMENDS THAT OUR RESPONSE TO ANY
APPROACHES FOR SUPPORT ON THIS ISSUE BE EQUIVOCAL AND
UNENTHUSIASTIC, AND THAT WE SIMPLY PLAN TO GO WITH
WHATEVER MAJORITY VIEW MAY DEVELOP.
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